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Dean Brennan lists alternatives to protestors. Mr. Gurll of CIA is at his left.

## CONFRONTATION

The following is a transcript of the confrontation discussion between Michael J. Brennan, Dean of the Graduate School, and the students who were blocking the passageway to the office where CIA placement interviews were to be held:

Dean Brennan: I don't know if anyone knows me. I'm Michael Brennan, Dean of the Graduate School, and, so there is no understanding about what the University policy is, I'm going to ask when I finish this to please move aside. The policy of Brown is fully encompassed within the letter of

September 18, 1967, mailed to all students and signed by President Heffner. I quote the letter:

"The rights of peaceful assembly, free exchange of ideas, and orderly protest are among the basic rights of all members of a university community. Forms of protest which involve physical force or physical obstruction, however, have no rightful place in Brown University. Students engaged in such forms of protest shall be subject to University discipline."

Now the University regards this interview as a normal University function and if you obstruct our passage to the recruiting room, if you prevent any students from coming in then you are subject to dismissal by the University.

Now I'm sorry to ask you to please step aside. I'm going to move first and please understand the way I'm doing this; I suppose I'll have to touch somebody as I go through and if I do, that will constitute obstruction.

David Schwartzman: I'm David Schwartzman and I have the first interview and I would like to have the interview conducted right here. We would like to have an open forum on what the CIA is doing in the world, what its function is, and some response to the documentation we have in the leaflet here. That's the condition on which I'll go into an interview.

Dean Brennan: David, President Heffner issued a statement on this and it was explained this morning in the BDH that he is trying to organize such open forums and open debates. An interviewer is not the person to explain general policy of any company or of any agency of the government. This job is through the personnel office to talk to people about employment and about fringe benefits and salaries and about things like that.

Open forums and the approach of the University to open forums were explained by the President. It is not a thing which can be arranged overnight and it will not settle matters this morning. Now, therefore, there will no open forum here in this place. It is not the proper place for it. We don't hold class like this. We don't invite speakers to the University in this way and you know that.

Why ask it in this condition of an interviewer and person who is not a policy maker of the CIA. If you wish to invite the CIA as a group to campus for open discussions and issues about the Vietnam war, anything the students and faculty wish to talk about, I think President Heff-

ner's statement indicates the University will do all in its power to facilitate this, but not from an interviewer and not in connection with the interviewing of individual students.

Now the first meeting is scheduled for 10 and it's you, David, so I have to repeat we want to move through to the interview room. Now the University has not closed the issue of open debate, but not here on this floor. It's not appropriate for it.

Mr. Schwartzman: I think the University, by conducting this recruitment at the present time, is violating its position precisely because these interviews are not the normal educational function of the University, and I think because of this question, the University could have at least postponed the interviews so some kind of decision could be made on this with the student participation in the decision.

Dean Brennan: I guess that means I'm going to try to pass the interview room now, and, if you want to block me, well that's your privilege. But I just want you to know in making this decision that you are aware of what the policy of the University is; that if you do block me or this gentleman that you will be subject to dismissal from the University. I want you to understand that. I think we have the knowledge, then we understand each other all right.

Arnold Strasser: The people who are sitting in understand what they are doing and have weighed their choice beforehand and have decided that, considering what the CIA does, and what it represents, and the way in which it conducts itself, that the sit-in is necessary.

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